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SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR CHAIRMAN - FAO CONFERENCE,
ROME, NOVEMBER 1977
REF: JAKARTA 8573

1. ROTATION PRINCIPLE WHICH NORMALLY PREVAILS REGARDING
SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FAO CONFERENCE WOULD DICTATE THAT
CHAIRMAN 19TH CONFERENCE BE FROM ASIAN COUNTRY. THIS
WAS ACCEPTABLE TO 71ST COUNCIL WHICH MET RECENTLY IN ROME
(JUNE 6-17). HOWEVER, REGIONAL MEMBERS WERE UNABLE TO
AGREE AT THAT TIME ON SPECIFIC COUNTRY AND PERSON.
INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA WERE COUNTRIES APPEARING TO DESIRE
SEAT. AT SUGGESTION OF CHAIRMAN, COUNCIL AGREED THAT
REGIONAL MEMBERS SHOULD CONSULT AND DECIDE ON ONE CANDI-
DATURE WITHIN TWO-THREE WEEKS FOLLOWING COUNCIL.

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2. COUNCIL AND CONFERENCE WILL MOST CERTAINLY ACCEPT
CHOICE ARISING FROM THESE CONSULTATIONS. U.S. HAS HIGH
REGARD FOR DR. TOYIB AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE HIM
CHAIR THE FORTHCOMING SESSION. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, WISH
PREJUDGE THE OUTCOME OF THE REGIONAL TALKS.

3. SUGGEST YOU DRAW ON PARA 2 ABOVE IN REPLY TO GOI AND

URGE THEM TO MOVE FORWARD ON CONSULTATIONS ASAP. CHRISTOPHER

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